

❧ LITTLE FOLKS ❧

Taught to be Useful.

You would not care to claim kindred with the baboons, would you? They are ungainly, and not even amusing, like the monkeys. Neither have they a gentle temper, to

have seen at the Zoo a very popular individual, classed, we believe, as a baboon called 'Sally,' who had arrived at such a pitch of good breeding that she could take a cup of tea with perfect decorum. At her

But poor Sally did not live very long; perhaps she overtaxed her brain with those unwonted exercises.

Still, even a baboon is not without some use in the world, 'You



BABOON IN SEARCH OF WATER.

make up for want of beauty, for they are fierce and savage, and it is only when caught quite young that they can be trained into better manners, and the wild nature tamed.

A year or two ago you might

keeper's request she would pick up and count five or seven straws—according to the number he mentioned—and stretching her long hairy arms through the bars of the cage, put them in his buttonhole.

are ugly,' say the Kaffirs of South Africa, 'but we can make you serve us; you are very fond of the root of a plant called Babiana, and so are we, and we will train you to find it for us.'